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Today I am proud to announce **the promotion of Anna Shuford as the new Parks & Recreation Superintendent for the Parks Department.** She has served as the Program Coordinator for the Park Department for the last 6 years. Under her newly assigned responsibilities, the position will be responsible to supervise, prioritize, assign and review the work of staff responsible for the Programming, Landscaping and Grounds keeping divisions; inventory, purchasing/receiving, special events and special projects; to oversee all work activities; to perform a variety of technical tasks relative to assigned areas of responsibilities; and to utilize a computerized maintenance management system to issue work orders and track all work performance and associated costs. She will work under the direction of Parks Director Lisa Clayton. **Congratulations Anna!**

Members of our Franklin Police Department were honored Thursday. Officer Lance Tippit, Officer Clayton Cates, Detective Stephanie Cisco, and Detective Brett Kniss were among those honored by the U.S. Attorney's Office yesterday afternoon. At a ceremony held at the Nashville Public Library, **the four were bestowed with the U.S. Attorney's Office Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement** in recognition of the outstanding work they completed in a narcotics case, and a child exploitation case.

Good teamwork Wednesday night by the **Streets Department and our Police Department.** **Streets Director Joe York** says they've used the most salt ever, in any snow storm prior, about 250 tons. Good thing we got a salt delivery in the last two weeks, so we still have plenty, about 400 tons on hand (we had about 670 tons on hand when the storm began). It was a rough night with Police having to temporarily close some streets so the crews could get in to salt and clear them. **The Solid Waste Department** was able to get back on the streets late Thursday morning with continued pick-up today for what they could not get to on Thursday (along with our regular Friday pick-up schedule). Thank you to everyone for their extra efforts to respond to the weather conditions.

The **Franklin Fire Department has joined the Franklin Police Department** in offering free child car seat safety checks and installations to the community. **Nine Franklin Firefighters have obtained their Child Passenger Safety Technician certifications by completing a 32-hour course, to assist parents and caregivers with the proper installation and use of their child passenger restraint systems.** The car seat checks will be available by appointment at Franklin Fire Stations and at Franklin Police Department Headquarters. Before visiting a fire station for assistance with your child safety seat, please call (615) 791-3270 to make sure a technician is available to assist you; or contact the Franklin Police Department to schedule an appointment at (615) 794-2513 x5810. The safety check process and installation should take around 20 to 30 minutes. See more on our website at www.franklintn.gov.

Sylvia Snavely in MIT recently completed excel training classes for City employees that were well attended. If you or your staff would like additional training in **excel, word, on-base or other topics** please contact Sylvia at Sylvia.snavely@franklintn.gov

Most employees in City Hall have obtained their new **City of Franklin ID cards**. The **MIT** and **Human Resources Department** will work on other departments outside City Hall in the coming weeks. Employees will be required to wear the ID cards each work day. Thanks to MIT and HR for their concerted efforts.

Vision discussion update: I'm continuing to get some very good feedback on the vision statement I shared with you last week. Here's what we are working from at this point:

Our Vision: *Franklin will continually strive to be a community of choice for individuals, families, and businesses to grow and prosper through an excellent quality of life supported through exceptional, responsive, and cost-effective City services.*

Key Operating Principles: This vision is exemplified each day through the actions of our City team, which embraces the following operating principles:

- i. Excellence
- ii. Innovation
- iii. Team-work
- iv. Integrity
- v. Action-oriented

Idea "Parking lot" – these are concepts/thoughts that have been shared in the feedback that warrant consideration in how we might incorporate them in our vision statement:

- Franklin as a safe community.
- High performance organization.
- Customer friendly.

Continue to give this some thought. Let me know your feedback. You can stop by anytime or send me your thoughts electronically. We have set up an e-mail address to collect your input: vision@franklintn.gov

Have a great weekend! Thanks for all you do.

A quick addendum for this week's E-brief: The City helped host **Leadership Franklin (LF)** on Wednesday as a part of their **"Government Day"** session. I received lots of help from various City team members and departments to show the class what local government is all about: serving citizens and make our community the best place it can be. The picture below shows LF class member Amy Law "operating" one of the Parks Department's Bobcats (the equipment never moved . . . don't worry, Rodney!). This was part of the **"Touch-A-Truck"** experience where class members got to learn about City operations, employees, and equipment firsthand. I want to thank **Fire, Solid Waste, Parks, Streets, and Water Management** for their help with this event. Class members also spent time with **Mayor Moore, our ACA's, and staff from Planning and Sustainability, Administration and Water Management**. It was a good day and thanks to everyone who helped make it possible (especially **Sarah Sappington** and **Mary Ann Buentello** from Admin, who were up bright and early on Wednesday morning after a BOMA night meeting to make sure we were ready to go). Thanks everyone!

Excellence, Innovation, Teamwork, Integrity, Action-Oriented